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- §1.116 AMENDMENT -

## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A seal for an endless track of a construction vehicle to be mounted between a bushing and a bottom surface of a counter bore of a link of said endless track ~~track~~, said seal comprising:

an axis wherein said seal is annular about said axis;

a cross section having a centerline parallel to said axis of said seal and a configuration symmetric with respect to said centerline;

an elastically deformably configured portion having a cross section like alphabetical letter X and being elastically deformed when compressed in an axial direction of said seal; and

a protrusion extending from an intersection of legs of said letter X only in a bushing-side direction farther than a plane connecting bushing-side end portions of the legs of said letter X;

a vacant gap portion disposed directly opposite to said protrusion, said vacant gap portion configured to collapse when compressed in the axial direction of said seal;  
and

an embedding portion embedded in an entire portion of a space between said legs of said letter X, on a bushing-side of said intersection of said legs of said letter X and on an intersection-side of said plane connecting bushing-side end portions of the legs of said letter X, with a seal material,

wherein said protrusion has an end surface parallel to said plane connecting bushing-side end portions of the legs of said letter X and said protrusion contacts said bushing at said end surface to provide a sealing surface when said seal is mounted to said endless track.

2. -3. (*Cancelled*).

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